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Stockholme, April 8.

ON the 5th Instant, Old Stile, died here *Charles* the Eleventh, King of *Sweden* (having been ill for some time) He was Born the 15th of *November* 1655, came to the Crown in 1660, Married with the Princess *Eleonor*, Sister of the present King of *Denmark*, in 1680 (who is likewise Dead) and Reigned 37 Years; and his Son *Charles* the Twelfth succeeds him, who was born the 27th of *June* 1682. On the 6th the Senate being Assembled in the Aparement of the Queen, Mother of the late King, his Will was opened, by which the Management of Publick Affairs during the present King's Minority, which will be till he is 17 Years old, is entrusted with the Queen and Five of the Senators, *viz.* Count *Benoit Oxenstierne*, who is to have the Direction of all Foreign Affairs; Count *Christopher Guldenstierne* is appointed for the Affairs of the Militia, Count *Fabian Wrede* for the Admiralty, Count *Nicholas Guldenstolpe* for the Administration of Justice, Count *Laurence Wallerstedt* for the Treasury. These Regents have full Power to make Treaties, and perform all other Acts of Government, as shall be agreed on by the Major Part of them, the Queen having two Voices. Expresses have been sent with the advice hereof to several Foreign Courts, and a new Commission will be forthwith dispatched to the Swedish Minister at the *Hague*, for carrying on the Business of the Mediation at the General Treaty.

Vienna, April 17. The Imperial Forces in *Hungary* will now quickly leave their Winter Quarters, and march to the Rendezvous near *Buda*: The Emperor has not yet disposed of the Command of his Army under the Elector of *Saxony*; though every Body believes it will be given to Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, in case General *Caprara* still Excuses himself from undertaking that Employment. The Train of Artillery that has been provided in the Arsenal here for the Service of the next Campaign, will be Shipped in few days, and sent to *Buda* to attend further Orders there. The Advices from *Croatia* give an account, that a Party of the Garison of *Novi* had made an Incursion into the Enemies Country, where they defeated a Turkish Party, and brought back several Prisoners.

Francfort, April 24. The Forces of the Allies assemble near *Hailbron*, near which place 7 or 8 Regiments of Foot have already posted themselves, and others are on their March; but the Horse continue as yet in Quarters. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is shortly expected at *Hailbron*, and 'tis said that when he arrives the Forces will be ordered to Encamp at *Great Gartach*. The Enemies Troops draw together near *Landau*. The Irish Regiments in the French Service arrived there the 22th of this Month, and joined with other Troops that were there before. The French bring together at *Philipsburg* and other Places belonging to them on the *Rhine* all the Boats and small Vessels they can meet with, which it is believed are designed for making Bridges over that River. Several of the Deputies, who are to assist at the General Meeting of the Six Circles, are already come to this Place.

Cologne, April 26. The Advices from the *Upper Rhine* say, That 11 Regiments of *Franconia*, *Suabia*, and of the other Allies, have passed the *Necker*, and posted themselves on this side *Hailbron*: The Germans go on with their new Lines; and have posted several Regiments to defend them. The *Brandenburg* Forces that were quartered within this Diocess continue their March towards the *Meuse*.

Hamburgh, April 26. The Letters from *Warsaw* of the 15th Instant say, the Queen Dowager of *Poland* had at last been prevailed with to depart from thence, and intended to go to *Prussia*, where she will stay till the Election is over.

Paris, April 25. The Detachment of Musketeers that went hence the 22th Instant, marches towards *Flanders*; and the Guards du Corps are likewise ordered thither; Their Rendezvous is at *Maubeuge*. The French Troops who have Wintered in *Provence* and *Dauphine*, are commanded to *Catalonia*, where, 'tis said, our Army will be much stronger this Year than 'twas the last. The Mareschal *de Villeroy* and the other Generals, who are to command the French Forces and are still here, will depart about the 8th or 10th of the next Month. They have intrenched their Equipages upon the Prospect they have of a Peace. An Order was Published here two days ago, requiring all the Gentlemen of this District to repair to the Place appointed for the Rendezvous of the Arrierban, who are to serve this Campaign. They write from *Brest*, That Monsieur *Nesmond's* Squadron was ready to sail, and staid only for a Wind. Some Ships are likewise fitted at *Rochefort*, to be commanded by the Sieur *Magnan*. Mareschal *Tourville* and Mareschal *d'Estrees*, is to command this Summer on our Sea Coasts.

Brussels, April 28. The Forces commanded by the Prince *de Vaudemont* continue in the same Posts mentioned in my last; and those under the Elector of *Bavaria* in the Camp at *Deynse*, which they Fortifie. The English Train of Artillery is arrived here from *Ghent*, and is ready to march upon the first Orders. The Prince de *Commercy* went hence last Tuesday on his return to *Vienna*.

Hague, April 30. N. S. Monsieur *de Lillenroot*, the Swedish Mediator, went yesterday in the Afternoon to *Delft* to visit the French Ambassadors, and afterwards went with them to see the King's House at *Ryswick*, which is now furnishing, and will be ready in few days for the Publick Conferences. The Death of the King of *Sweden* is like to occasion no delay in the Treaty, a Power from the present King about the Mediation being daily expected. Letters from *Madrid* of the 12th Instant say, the King of *Spain* continued in very good health, and intended to go the 24th to *Aranjuez*; They assure us that the Reports of a Neutrality in *Catalonia* are groundless. Yesterday arrived 8 Mails together from *England*.

Plimouth, April 20. Yesterday came in a Flushing Privateer of 12 Guns with a retaken Prize, being a Dutch Ship of 300 Tuns, bound home from *St. Ubes*.

Deale, April 23. His Majesty's Ship the *Shoreham* gave chace yesterday to a small French Privateer, who ran ashore on the *Goodwin*, where she is lost with all her Men; The *Shoreham* is come into the *Downes*.

Portsmouth, April 24. Yesterday about Noon came in from Cruising on the Coast of *France* the *Harlem* and *Sneek*, two Dutch Men of War, and brought with them as Prize a Ship of 36 Guns, and a small Bark with Wine and Brandy. In the Evening came in the *Zelandia*, another Dutch Man of War, and brought with him a Prize laden with Wine and Brandy.

Kensington, April 22. His Majesty in Council received the Seal from the Hands of the Right Honourable Sir *John Somers* Kt. Lord Keeper thereof, and was pleased to return it to him again, with the Title of Lord Chancellor of *England*.

The Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Houshold, was Sworn of His Majesty's Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Majesty was pleased to declare in Council, that he has appointed *Thomas* Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Sir *John Somers* Kt. Lord Chancellor of *England*;